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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 2122

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PORC, SHUM

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF LAWYER'S

REF: STATE A-462

1. REFAIR ASKES FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TWO LAWYERS ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF LEGAL PROFESSION IT CONSIDERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES RAISING SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. CONSULATES LAHORE AND PESHAWAR HAVE PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY.

2. SAYYAD IMTIAZ HUSSAIN HANAFI. HANAFI WAS APPOINTED PROVINCIAL ADVOCATE GENERAL BY THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP) CHIEF MINISTER IN BALUCHISTAN IN 1972. IN 1973, HE WAS APPOINTED ACTING PRESIDENT OF BALUCHISTAN NAP, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL THE PARTY WAS DISSOLVED FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF SENIOR MINISTER SHERPAO IN NWFP IN FEBRUARY 1975. HANAFI WAS ARRESTED UNDER DEFENSE OF PAKISTAN RULES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SHERPAO'S DEATH. HE WAS HELD IN QUETTA JAIL UNTIL LATE APRIL, 1975 AND WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO SAHIWAL REST HOUSE. HE WAS RELEASED FROM REST HOUSE LAST WEEK OF APRIL, 1975 AND HAS BEEN FREE
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3. ARBAG HUMAYUN. HUMAYUN WAS ARRESTED SAME TIME AS HANAFI, AND WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL AFTER ABOUT THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. HE HAS BEEN PRACTICING LAW SINCE HIS RELEASE CONCENTRATING ON HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. CONSULATE PESHAWAR IS NOT AWARE OF HUMAYUN BEING TORTURED OR SUFFERING ANY INDIGNITIES WHILE IN JAIL.

4. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE AND POTENTIAL OF LEGAL PROFESSION WITH RESPECT TO SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, AS REQUESTED REPAIR, WILL BE CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO STATE 45319 WHICH OUTLINES 1976 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. BYROADE

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